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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa relating to the residency qualifications of
3 members of the Iowa senate and the Iowa house of
4 representatives and providing an applicability date provision.
5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Section 4 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of
4 Iowa, as amended by the Amendment of 1880 and the Amendment of
5 1926, is repealed beginning with terms of office filled at the
6 general election in the year 2002 and the following adopted in
7 lieu thereof:

8 QUALIFICATIONS. Sec. 4. A person shall not be a member of
9 the House of Representatives unless the person shall have
10 attained the age of twenty-one years, be a citizen of the
11 United States, and shall have been an inhabitant of this State
12 one year next preceding the person's election, and at the time
13 of the person's election shall have had an actual residence of
14 sixty days in the district the person may have been chosen to
15 represent, and shall continue to reside, and shall maintain a
16 permanent residence, in the district for the length of the term
17 to which the representative was elected.

18 Sec. 2. The foregoing amendment to the Constitution of the
19 State of Iowa is referred to the General Assembly to be chosen
20 at the next general election for members of the General
21 Assembly and the Secretary of State is directed to cause the
22 same to be published for three consecutive months previous to
23 the date of that election as provided by law.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
26 Constitution of the State of Iowa to provide that a member of
27 the Iowa senate or Iowa house of representatives shall reside,
28 and maintain a permanent residence, in the district from which
29 the member was elected. The residency and citizenship
30 qualifications established by the Constitution for members of
31 the Iowa House of Representatives also apply to members of the
32 Iowa Senate per Article III, section 5 of the Constitution.
33 The amendment applies beginning with terms of office filled at
34 the 2002 general election.

35 The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the next

1 general assembly before being submitted to the electorate for
2 ratification.

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